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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY & VALIDATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

REF: SAIGON 7293

1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONTINUED DELIBERATIONS ON VALIDATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION MORNING OCT 1. ONE HUNDRED AND ONE DEPUTIES WERE PRESENT AT BEGINNING OF SESSION, HIGHEST ATTENDANCE IN MORE THAN SIX MONTHS. COMBAT AND REGULAR POLICE HAVE ASSURED VIRTUALLY AIRTIGHT SECURITY IN AREA AROUND ASSEMBLY AND WE HAVE HEARD OF NO DISTURBANCES OR

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UNUSUAL GATHERINGS IN SAIGON.

2. NA CHAIRMAN PHAN KHAC SUU OPENED SESSION WITH STATEMENT THAT HE HAD NOT PROMISED STUDNTS ANYTHING YESTERDAY WHEN MEETING THEM IN FRONT OF ASSEMBLY BUILDING. SUU ADDED THAT ASSEMBLY WOULD LOOK AT THE FACTS AND, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE, WOULD DECIDE ELECTION ISSUE INDEPENDENTLY OF ANY PRESSURE.

3. NA THEN CONTINUED ITS REVIEW OF ELECTION COMPLAINTS AND AS OF 1115 LOCAL TIME IT HAD REJECTED AN ADDITIONAL SIX COMPLAINTS AND UPHELD ONE. (REJECTIONS WERE BY SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITIES.) COMPLAINT UPHELD WAS ONE FILED BY DEPUTY (AND DEFEATED PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE) NGUYEN DINH QUAT. QUAT HAD FILED COMPLAINT STATING THAN ON SEPT 3, AFTER POLLING BOOTHS CLSED, AUTHORITIES HAD MOVED BALLOT BOXES IN BINH TUY PROVINCE WITHOUT ALLOWING CANDIDATES REPRESENTATIVES TO GO ALONG. BY VOTE OF 68 IN FAVOR ASSEMBLY UPHELD QUAT'S COMPLAINT AS VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 29 OF ELECTION LAW.

4. ASSEMBLY NEARING COMPLETION OF ITS REVIEW OF ELECTION COMPLAINTS CONSIDERED BY CENTRAL COUNCIL AND WILL SOON BEGIN DISCUSSING ELECTION RETURNS.
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